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1. WHILE AUG 16 DEMONSTRATION CRUISE FOR KENYA NAVY AND ARMY PERSONNEL HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL (OUR COMMENTS BEING SENT SEPTTEL), WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS WHETHER HIGH LEVEL KENYAN AUTHORITIES WILL APPROVE PROPOSED JOINT MANEUVERS WITH KENYA NAVY VESSELS DURING THEIR LATE OCTOBER SEYCHELLES CRUISE.

2. DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD INTERPRET DISCUSSION OF JOINT MANEUVER BY AYLWIN'S OFFICERS AND PARTICIPATING KENYA NAVY OFFICERS AS INDICATIVE GOK POLICY LEVEL THINKING OR EQUIVALENT TO OFFICIAL INVITATION. WHEN POLITICAL COUNSELOR KINTER, WHO WAS AWARE OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN COMIDEASTFOR AND KENYA NAVY COMMANDER KIMARO, MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF SEYCHELLES CRUISE TO KIMARO AT NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE REJPTIOXSLAST MAY, LATTER SAID WITHOUT ELUCIDATION THAT HE DID NOT THINK THIS PROPOSED JOINT OPERATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

3. IN VIEW KIMARO'S COOLNESS TO IDEA, AND SINCE CERTAIN SENIOR KENYAN OFFICIALS (PARTICULARLY FOREIGN MINISTER MUNGA)

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MIGHT WELL CONSIDER THIS MORE VISIBLE EXAMPLE US/KENYAN MILITARY

COOPERATION AS INCONSISTENT WITH KENYA'S OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF
INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL, BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE
DISCREET SOUNDINGS AT KENYAN DEFENSE MINISTRY RE REASIBILITY OF
IDEA BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE PLANS. WILL ADVISE KENYAN REACTION
ASAP.

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